

Walk This Way/Wisdom From Above

Who Am I - Week 18 & 19 (8-7-24)

Psalm 23

I. Always Moving Forward

A. Philippians 3:13-14 - I Press toward the mark

1. The big picture - The Goal is always to know Christ
 - a) Even when God asks us to be still, it is for the sake of moving forward.
 - (1) Psalm 46:10 - "Be still and know that I am God..."
 - (a) The being still facilitates our knowing Him which takes us deeper with Him.
2. The smaller picture - This is where God's wisdom is required.
 - a) We need God to direct our paths - Proverbs 3:5-6
3. What past things are we forgetting?
 - a) 3:9 - Any of our own attempts at self fulfillment and self righteousness.
 - (1) Without a renewed mind we will not be able to move forward.
 - (a) "Think/Do/Get"
 - (2) We must think differently about how righteousness is attained
 - b) We can't just throw everything out the window.
 - (1) Wisdom will show you what experiences are valuable and what experiences are not worth holding on to.
 - (2) Paul's primary goal was to know Christ, and anything that's behind us that will restrict our progress is not worth holding on to.
 - (a) Intimacy is impossible without exposure and confrontation.

II. New Things and Old Paths

A. Isaiah 43:18-21 - A New thing

1. 43:25-26 - Until they acknowledge their sins and expose themselves to God, they cannot experience His righteousness and the new things that He is speaking of.

B. Jeremiah 6:16 - Old paths

1. The "old paths" are the ways of God. They refused to walk in the righteous ways of God, and wanted to make their own way.
 - a) Their "own way" was really just an imitation of what they saw the world doing.

C. God is wanting to do new things on the old paths.

1. His way is always the way of truth and righteousness, but He loves to do things differently.
 - a) Historically God's spirit has pored out on His people in many different ways.
 - (1) Just because He did things a certain way "back in the day," doesn't mean He's going to do it the same way this time.
 - (2) Don't limit God by expecting the same old things!

III. You Know the way

A. Matt 7:13-14 - Straight and Narrow

1. The right way is NOT the path of least resistance!
 - a) If it was easy everyone would be doing it.
 2. Verse 14 (AMP) - "But small is the gate and narrow and difficult to travel is the path that leads the way to [everlasting] life, and there are few who find it."
- B. Jesus is only giving two options. One leads to life and one leads to death, and there is not in-between.
- C. John 14:1-5
1. It doesn't always feel or look like I know the way.
 - a) Sometimes it seems quite obvious that God has intentionally cornered me next to the Red Sea so that my approaching enemies can come and slaughter me.
 - (1) They knew the way because they knew who to trust and follow.
 - b) The wisdom will come as we need it. But don't forget to ask!
- D. Colossians 2:6
1. In the same way that you received Jesus by faith, so walk in Him by faith.